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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSE TO REF B. DCM INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY EVENING JULY 4 OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE (NATURE UNSPECIFIED) ONCE NEED IS ESTABLISHED. ACTING DIRECTOR OF DIRECTORATE III (AFFECTED COUNTRIES) DOBROIU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OTHER AND SAID HE WOULD PROMPTLY INFORM ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA AND ALSO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE CHANNELED IF IT DEVELOPS THERE IS NEED. DURING A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH TOBROIU ON SATURDAY HE STATED HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO OFFER EITHER ON EXTENT OF DAMAGE OR NEED FOR ASSISTANCE. HAVING EXPRESSED OUR OFFER WE BELIEVE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO GOR AND WE DO NOT INTEND RENEW OFFER PENDING
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A ROMANIAN RESPONSE.

2. COMMENTS OF HIGH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS REFLECTS EXTREME CONCERN AT EXTENT OF FLOOD DAMAGE. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS PATAN AND DRAGANESCU SAID FLOODING THIS YEAR IS MORE WIDESPREAD THAN IN 1970. SWOLLEN BY TORRENTIAL RAINS WHICH IN SOME AREAS EXCEEDED SEVEN INCHES OF RAINFALL IN TWO DAYS, ROMANIA'S MANY INTERIOR TRIBUTARIES AND STREAMS OVERFLOWED THEIR BANKS, DISRUPTING RAIL AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION, CUTTING COMMUNICATIONS, FLOODING AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SITES, AND THREATENING TO POLLUTE POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES. FED BY THIS RUNOFF, DANUBE IS CONTINUING TO RISE AND IS EXPECTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEED FLOOD LEVELS AT CORABIA, TURNA-MAGURELE, ZIMNICEA AND HIRSOVA. AS OF JULY 5 PATAN SEEMED TO FEEL DANUBE WOULD NOT PRESENT MAJOR PROBLEM. HIS MAJOR WORRY WAS ABOUT EFFECTS OF FLOOD WATERS OF INTERIOR STREAMS.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN SO FAR NO REPORTS OF LOSS OF LIFE, NOR HAVE WE SEEN REPORTS OF FLOOD-CAUSED HEALTH PROBLEMS. PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO SAVE CEREAL CROPS IN FLOODED AREAS, AND ALL AVAILABLE MANPOWER IS BEING MOBILIZED TO THIS END. BARNES

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